

Celebrating the life of
Ardessa Malone
"Mother"



Celebration Service

Thursday, July 16, 2009
11:00 a.m.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 So. 52nd Street
Richmond, CA

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor and Officiator

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"
- II Timothy 4:7 -

Remembering... *Ardessa Malone*

Ardessa Malone affectionately known as "Mother" and "Dess" was an only child born to the proud parents of Gaston and Annie Mae Holinquest on February 7th in Arcadia, Louisiana. Ardessa was very modest about her age stating that, "Age was nothing but a number and folks didn't need to know her number". Ardessa adopted the name of Malone after her mother, Annie Mae, remarried her stepfather Crawford "Manish" Malone. Ardessa grew up and attended Elementary School in Harmony, Louisiana. During Middle School, she attended Lincoln High in Ruston, Louisiana and later graduated from Louisiana Normal Rural Institute in Grambling.

Ardessa accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age and was baptized at Harmony Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Pearl Lue Harris in Arcadia, Louisiana.

In 1943 she traveled with her parents to Richmond California where she united with the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend F.W. Watkins. In 1944, Ardessa married Willie Louis Griffith and through this union two wonderful daughters; Lovely LaTricia and Beautiful Blanche were born. Later in 1952, she married the late Mr. Lon Marshall, Jr. and through this union one son, Lonzell Howard Marshall was born.

After arriving in California, she began working as a Burner at the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond during the time of WWII amongst women famously known as "Rosie the Riveters". Later she was employed as a store sales clerk at the Emporium Capwell's in San Francisco. While in those various positions, she realized that she wasn't able to help people the way her heart desired so she pursued a rewarding career in nursing. She returned to school in the 1950's studying many facets of general education and nursing. She graduated from Contra Costa College with an Associate in Arts degree in June 1969. Two years later, in 1971 she received a Certificate of Achievement in Registered Nursing from the same college. She attended California State University at Hayward, completed training in Nursing at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco and at Brookside Hospital in San Pablo. She received her Nursing License and a degree in Microbiology from the University of California San Francisco in December 1971. After obtaining her many certificates and degrees, she worked as a Registered Nurse at the University of California Medical Center San Francisco, Martinez County Hospital and San Francisco General where she remained until retirement in 1986.

Retirement couldn't keep Ardessa away. She returned to the hospital scene again, but this time at the Kaiser Hospital gift shop in Richmond. Her line would be near the front entrance because everyone in town would always stop by to say hello to "Mother".

In 1982 Ardessa united with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late R.L. Johnson. St John was a place where she could fellowship and serve the Lord. She was an active member of the Usher Board, Women's Missionary Society and Ruth Circle. She was also an active member in Bible Study taught by Sister Clair Martin and Minister Otis Harris. Through her many years at St. John, she developed lifelong friendships that she cherished deeply. In 1994 the Lord blessed St. John with its current Pastor, Kevin B. Hall. Mother especially enjoyed his teaching and would often say after service, "That little joker can shole nuff teach the word."

In her spare time she could be found studying her bible, fishing, hunting, playing dominoes and traveling, but most of all she enjoyed hosting get togethers at her home on Florida Avenue, surrounded by her loving family and many friends.

Special Thanks To:

Barbara Brown, Evelyn Clayton, Barbara Hall, Levi Hill Jr., Emma Jean Miles, Amy Mitchell, Betty Morgan, & Dorothy Younger

For your true example of love and friendship.

In 1998 Ardessa traveled the world visiting Italy, Paris and London. Due to failing health, in 2005 she relocated to Glendale, Arizona to reside with her daughter LaTricia and family. While in Arizona, she found friendship and fellowship at the Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church where she united under the leadership of Pastor Gregory Chambliss.

On July 4th 2009, she traveled yet again, but this time it was to her Permanent home in Heaven.

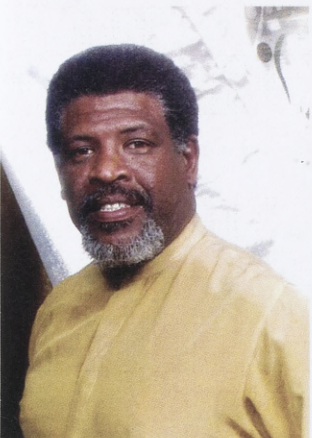
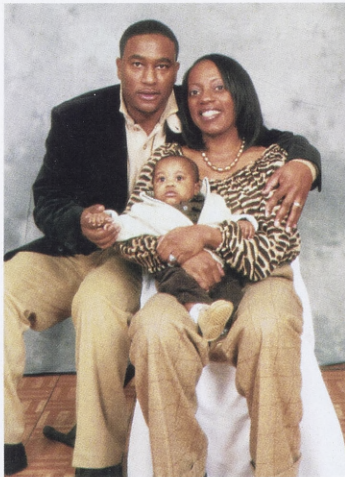
Ardessa was preceded in death by her parents, Gaston and Annie Mae Holinquest, stepfather, Crawford "Manish" Malone and daughter Blanche Lee.

Ardessa leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life; daughter LaTricia (Ronald) Manuel of Glendale, AZ; son Lonzell Howard Marshall of Oakland, CA; Grandchildren; Zeta (Jimmie) Braden of Vallejo, CA, Crystal (Darrin) Gabriel of Richmond, CA, Lashonda Lee of Richmond, CA, Marcellus Pree of Richmond, CA, Tanisha (Antwuan) Sauers of Marysville, CA, Daydra (Damian) Munson of Richmond, CA, Laroni Marshall of Oakland, CA, Sherie Manuel of Glendale, AZ and Trelon Lonzell Marshall of Oakland, CA; 18 Great Grandchildren; 5 Great-Great Grandchildren and 1 more bundle of joy expected this August; and a host of relatives and many friends.



—Independent photo
ARDESSA MARSHALL, ROSEMARY THOMPSON, DELORES THINNES
... and George Wynn are among students receiving nursing training









Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....	Sister Willa Gaye Williams
Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Old Testament/New Testament.....	Minister Jimmie Braden
Prayer.....	Minister Jimmie Braden
Solo..... "Precious Lord".....	Minister Cynthia Harris
Resolution.....	Sister Lori Broom-Jackson
Acknowledgements & Condolences.....	Sister Ronisha Gaines
Obituary.....	Sister Lori Broom-Jackson
Solo..... "May The Work I've Done Speak For Me".....	Sister Willa Gaye Williams
Family/Friends Expressions.....	(2 minutes please)

Sister Emma Jean Miles	Brother Huey Jackson
Sister Evelyn Clayton	Brother Joseph Lucas
	Brother Levi Hill Jr.

Cherished Moments.....	Sister LaTricia Manuel Sister Crystal Gabriel
Solo..... "My Soul's Been Anchored".....	Minister Jimmie Braden
Tribute.....	Usher Board Ministry
Words of Comfort.....	Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor
Glimpse 'til Glory.....	Rose Manor Funeral Services
Recessional.....	Rose Manor Funeral Services

Internment
Sunrise Cemetery
2201 Sacramento Street
Vallejo, CA

Repast – St. John Missionary Baptist Church
R.L. Johnson Fellowship Hall

Pallbearers

*Brother Joseph Barrett
Minister Jimmie Braden
Brother Darrin Gabriel*

*Brother Raymond Henderson
Brother Michael Hendrix Jr.
Brother David Lopez*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Brother Huey Jackson
Brother Ronald Manuel
Brother Marcellus Pree
Brother Wilbert Williams*



*God saw the road was
getting rough*

The hill was hard to climb,

*He gently closed those
loving eyes and whispered,*

"Peace Be Thine".

*The weary hours,
the days of pain,*

*The sleepless nights
are passed,*

*The ever patient
worn-out frame,*

Has found sweet rest at last.

Acknowledgement

The Malone family wishes to express our sincerest appreciation to you for every act of kindness. Each is of such comfort and assurance that we are not alone in our hour of bereavement. May God continue to Bless each of you; and please keep us in your prayers.

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
Rose Manor Funeral Services*